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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b),  
is a Continuation application of PCT International Application  
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For: IMAGE CODING DEVICE AND METHOD OF IMAGE CODING

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of thirty-five (35) pages
- ☒ Seven (7) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ An assignment of the invention
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy
- ☐ A statement (☐ Original ☐ Photocopy) to establish small  
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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s)
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment

☒ Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP00/04263 filed on June 28, 2000 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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